1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 AT TACOMA 9 STATE OF WASHINGTON, Department of Transportation, 10 NO. 3:10-cy-05734-RBL Plaintiff. 11 STIPULATED MOTION AND ORDER TO v. 12 REMAND CASE TO STATE COURT JAMES RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY, 13 Defendant. 14 15 **RELIEF REQUESTED** I. 16 The parties through their respective counsel of record request an order approving their 17 18 stipulation for a remand of the above-referenced action to Thurston County Superior Court (Cause No. 10-2-02005-2). 19 II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND 20 WSDOT filed a Complaint for Declaratory Judgment on September 9, 2010, in 21 22 Thurston County Superior Court. In its Complaint, WSDOT challenged the validity of the 23 arbitration provision of James River's insurance policies and sought a stay of AAA 24 proceedings that have been initiated pursuant to James River's demand for arbitration of the 25 coverage available under its policy. On October 7, 2010, James River filed its Notice of 26

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1 Removal with the Thurston County Superior Court and the Western District of Washington, 2 Tacoma Division. 3 Counsel have conferred and agree that that the claims should be remanded at this time 4 to Thurston County Superior Court. Counsel have agreed not to ask for an award of any costs 5 or attorneys fees as a result of the remand. 6 III. **AUTHORITY** 7 This motion is filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1447(c) and Local Rule W.D.Wash. 8 7(d)(1) and 10(g). 9 IV. **CONCLUSION** 10 Pursuant to the above stipulation, the parties request that the court order that the 11 above-referenced action be remanded to Thurston County Superior Court (Cause No. 10-2-12 02005-2) for resolution. DATED this 29th day of October, 2010. 13 14 s/ A. Richard Dykstra s/ Kara R. Masters A. Richard Dykstra, WSBA No. 05114 Kara R. Masters, WSBA No. 23459 15 SKELLENGER BENDER, P.S. Stafford Frey Cooper 1301 – 5th Avenue, #3401 601 Union Street, Suite 3100 16 Seattle, WA 98101-2605 Seattle WA 98101 17 Telephone: 206-667-8225 Telephone: 206-623-6501 Fax: 206-748-9404 Fax: 206-447-1973 18 Email: rdykstra@staffordfrey.com Email: kmasters@skellengerbender.com Attorneys for Defendant James River Insurance 19 Company 20 and Richard A. Fraser, III, WSBA No. 37577 21 Assistant Attorney General **Torts Division** 22 Washington State Attorney General 800 Fifth Avenue, Ste. 2000 23 Seattle, WA 98104-3188 24 Telephone: 206 464 7352 Fax: 206 587 4229 25 Email: richardf@atg.wa.gov Attorneys for Plaintiff State of 26 Washington, Depart. of Transportation

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ORDER Considering the foregoing, IT IS ORDERED that the Stipulated Motion To Remand be GRANTED, and this matter is hereby REMANDED to Thurston County Superior Court. DONE IN OPEN COURT this 5th day of November, 2010. RONALD B. LEIGHTON UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE